State	No. of persons \ against whom TADA provisions dropped
Punjab	216
Uttar Pradesh	4
Chandigarh	8
NCT of Delhi	223

(c) As per available information, all the TADA cases in the States of Jammu And Kashmir, Gujarat and Maharashtra have been reviewed by the State level Review Committees.

Witch Hunt against Immigrants

3083. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Witch hunt against immigrants ruled out" appearing in "The Pioneer" dated ISth June, 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to register all citizens and non-citizens of the country with provision of computerised coded Identity Cards equivalent to work permit;

(d) if not, what is the exact proposal;

(e) whether the proposal offering residential status to non-citizens without the right to vote would violate Assam Accord; and

(f) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal of compulsory registration of all citizen&^ non-citizens residing in the country and to issue Identity Cards to all citizens of 14 years and above. The details in this regard are being worked out.

In addition, persons below 14 years are proposed to be compulsorily registered under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969.

(e) and (f) The Government will give due consideration to this issue while finalising the proposal.

Bomb blast in North-East region

3084. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of instances of bomb blasts in the North-East region during the last six months;

(b) the estimated damage of life and property in these bomb blasts;

(c) how many people have so far been arrested for these bomb blasts; and

(d) the detailsof the steps taken by Government to protect the life and property of the people of North-East region?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) There have been twenty cases of bomb blast in the North-Easf region during the last six months in which two persons were killed and some others received injuries. Damage to property includes damage to one Railway bridge and four road bridges on National Highways in Assam. The details of people arrested for these blasts are not readily available.

(d) The steps taken to curb insurgency in the North-East include, inter-aUa, deployment of additional units of Central Para Milhary Forces and the Army, improved coordination and sharing of intelligence, modemisation/upgradation of State Police Forces, declaration of the most seriously affected araes as 'disturbed areas' and notification of the major insurgent groups as 'unlawful associations'. The 'situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed fix>m time to time.